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Dear Mr. Bond:

Thank you for commenting on the B Reactor cleanup plan. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received over 50 comments supporting the preferred alternative of hazard mitigation.

EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recently signed an Action Memorandum authorizing the hazard mitigation alternative. The Action Memorandum and all public comments received on the cleanup plan will soon be placed and available for viewing at the Administrative Record website: <http://www2.hanford.gov/arpir>.

EPA and DOE had originally planned to issue the Action Memorandum early this fall; however, a decision was made to discuss the B Reactor work in the recently completed negotiations regarding 100 and 300 Area cleanup schedules. As a result of these negotiations, a new commitment was established to: "Complete final configuration determination for B Reactor and submit the recommendation to EPA." This commitment is due in September 2005. The public comment period on this package runs through March 14, 2002, and I encourage you to review it at: [www.hanford.gov/tpa/changelist.htm](http://www.hanford.gov/tpa/changelist.htm).

If you have any questions or would like a hard copy of the Action Memorandum, please feel free to call me or contact me by e-mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Faulk", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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